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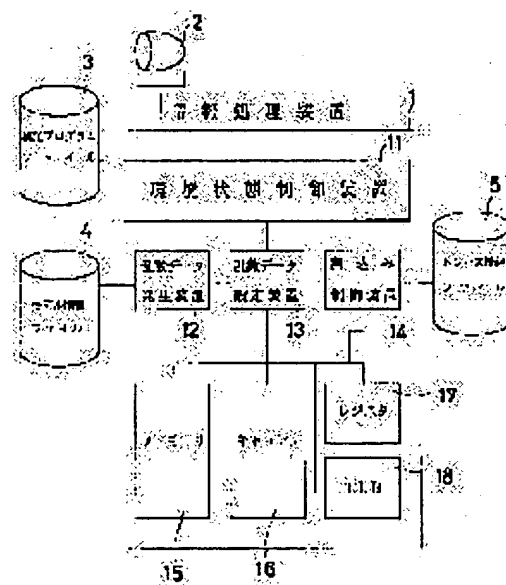
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(54) LOGIC VERIFICATION ENVIRONMENT CONTROLLING DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide the logic verification environment controlling device realizing accurate logic verification by setting environment equivalent to the real use environment and readily analyzing a fault in case of occurring a fault.

CONSTITUTION: The system consists of an information processor 1 for logic verification, system console 2, verification program file 3, model information file 4, and trace information file 5. The information processor 1 is provided with an environment state controlling device 11, random data generating device 12 for an entry embedding random number data, entry random number data setting device 13, interrupt controlling device 14 performing a back trace at the run away of a program, memory 15, cache 16, register 17, and TLB 18. Before executing the logic verification program, the resource in the information processor 1 is initialized.



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CLAIMS

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[Claim 2] The logic verification environment control unit according to claim 1 characterized by creating so that these entry data may be adjusted in the logical format of said logic simulation equipment or an information processor, and embedding said random-number data to these entry data in case the entry data of said data storage means are created.

[Claim 3] The logic verification environment control unit according to claim 1 characterized by said random-number data generator generating the instruction and address data which operate on said specific logic simulation equipment or an information processor.

[Claim 4] The logic verification environment control unit according to claim 1 characterized by generating an interruption generating instruction operand code in dozens to hundreds of byte pitch in case said random-number data generator creates the random-number data set as said data storage means.

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[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[0016]

[Function] According to the above mentioned logic verification environment control unit, by having a random-number data generator, a random-number data setting device, interrupt control equipment, and an environment condition control unit For example, it creates so that entry data, such as a parity bit and Hamming code, may be adjusted in a logical format. The random-number data based on a random-number data generator are embedded to this entry data. This entry data can be set as a data storage means with a random-number data setting device, and the resource in logic simulation equipment or an information processor can be set as an environment equivalent to a real operating environment before logic verification program execution.

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[Example] The explanatory view showing processing of the block diagram showing the logic verification environment control unit whose drawing 1 is one example of this invention, a random-number data generator [in / in drawing 2 / the logic verification environment control unit of this example], and a random-number data setting device, the flow chart Fig. in which drawing 3 shows cache data-origination processing of a random-number data generator in this example, the flow chart Fig. in which drawing 4 shows data origination / setting processing, and drawing 5 are the flow chart Figs. showing logic verification processing of having used the logic verification environment control unit of this example. [the hardware register of a random-number data generator and a random-number data setting device]

[0021] First, drawing 1 explains the configuration of the logic verification environment control unit of this example.

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[0023] Random-number data are embedded for the object RAM of the environment condition control device 11 and an information processor which carries out operator interface control, control of each equipment, and edit output processing of trace information in the target information processor 1. The logic verification program performed under the random-number data generator 12 which creates an entry, the random-number data setting device 13 which sets the created entry as Object RAM, and the set-up environment overruns recklessly by poor logic. When an interrupt occurs with an interruption generating instruction, it has memory 15, a cache 16, a register 17, TLB18, etc. as an object RAM of interrupt control equipment 14 and a data storage means which carries out the recovery and back trace.

[0024] Next, an operation of this example is explained.

[0025] Introduction and drawing 2 explain processing of the random-number data generator 12 and the random-number data setting device 13.

[0026] If the random-number data generator 12 is started from the environment condition control device 11, it will first read a format of sizes, such as the memory 15 of each RAM in an information processor 1, a cache 16, a register 17, and TLB18, and an entry, a block/linesize, etc. from the model-information file 4, and will generate the entry data of each RAM according to the directions.

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[0032] Furthermore, interruption generating instruction code is embedded at the last of a block of a code cache entry (step 304), and the random-number data setting device 13 is started (step 305).

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[0036] Furthermore, the random-number data generator 12 creates the data of A stage register (step 402), and takes out the setup instruction of data to the random-number data setting device 13.

[0037] And the random-number data setting device 13 embeds the data based on the random-number value generated by A stage register (step 403).

[0038] Next, drawing 5 explains the processing flow of the logic verification using the logic verification environment control unit of this example.

[0039] First, the environment condition control device 11 starts the random-number data generator 12 with directions of an operator (step 501). And the random-number data generator 12 reads the creation information of the entry data of each RAM from the model-information file 4 (step 502), and creates the entry data of each RAM according to this model information (step 503).

[0040] Furthermore, the random-number data generator 12 starts the random-number data setting device 13 (step 504), and the created entry data are initialized to each RAM according to the size of each RAM by which the random-number data setting device 13 is registered into the model-information file 4 (step 505).

[0041] And control is returned to the environment condition control unit 11 after initialization termination (step 506), and this environment condition control unit 11 loads the logic verification program which corresponds with directions of an operator to memory 15 (step 507), and starts this logic verification program (step 508).

[0042] Furthermore, if logic verification program execution is completed normally, the processing whose environment condition control unit 11 carries out the next processing demand to an operator will be repeated.

[0043] When a logic verification program overruns recklessly (step 509), with an interruption generating instruction, control moves to interrupt control equipment 14 (step 510), goes back to the address in which back trace is possible, collects trace information, and registers with the trace information file 5 (step 511).

[0044] And control edits trace information into the environment condition control unit 11, return (step 512) and the

environment condition control unit 11 output this trace information to a system console 2 (step 513), and analysis of the cause of an overrun is performed by this.

[0045] Therefore, according to the logic verification environment control unit of this example, it has the environment condition control device 11, the random-number data generator 12, the random-number data setting device 13, and interrupt control equipment 14. By embedding random-number data to entry data, and initializing this entry data to memory 15, a cache 16, a register 17, TLB18, etc. of each RAM in an information processor 1 The data storage means in the information news processor 1 set as the object of logic verification can be set as an environment equal to an actual user program being performed, and the logic verification under a real operating environment is attained by this.

[0046] Moreover, since back trace becomes possible from the interruption generating address with an interruption generating instruction also when a logic verification program overruns recklessly, this trace information can perform easily failure analysis at the time of failure generating.

[0047] As mentioned above, although invention made by this invention person was concretely explained based on the example, it cannot be overemphasized that it can change variously in the range which this invention is not limited to said example and does not deviate from the summary.

[0048] For example, although the case where the object of the logic verification about the logic verification environment control unit of this example was an information processor 1 was explained, this invention is not limited to said example and can be applied widely also about the logic simulation equipment which carries out circuit simulation of gate level.

[0049] Moreover, you may make it generate an absolute-instruction code, operand address data, etc. which operate, for example on a specific information processor as a random-number data generator 12.

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[0035] When such a condition occurs, the environment condition control device 11 senses that the bubble occurred with a lock for example, with A stage register (step 401), and issues generation directions of data to the random-number data generator 12.

[0036] Furthermore, the random-number data generator 12 creates the data of A stage register (step 402), and takes out the setup instruction of data to the random-number data setting device 13.

[0037] And the random-number data setting device 13 embeds the data based on the random-number value generated by A stage register (step 403).

[0038] Next, drawing 5 explains the processing flow of the logic verification using the logic verification environment control unit of this example.

[0039] First, the environment condition control device 11 starts the random-number data generator 12 with directions of an operator (step 501). And the random-number data generator 12 reads the creation information of the entry data of each RAM from the model-information file 4 (step 502), and creates the entry data of each RAM according to this model information (step 503).

[0040] Furthermore, the random-number data generator 12 starts the random-number data setting device 13 (step 504), and the created entry data are initialized to each RAM according to the size of each RAM by which the random-number data setting device 13 is registered into the model-information file 4 (step 505).

[0041] And control is returned to the environment condition control unit 11 after initialization termination (step 506), and this environment condition control unit 11 loads the logic verification program which corresponds with directions of an operator to memory 15 (step 507), and starts this logic verification program (step 508).

[0042] Furthermore, if logic verification program execution is completed normally, the processing whose environment condition control unit 11 carries out the next processing demand to an operator will be repeated.

[0043] When a logic verification program overruns recklessly (step 509), with an interruption generating instruction, control moves to interrupt control equipment 14 (step 510), goes back to the address in which back trace is possible, collects trace information, and registers with the trace information file 5 (step 511).

[0044] And control edits trace information into the environment condition control unit 11, return (step 512) and the environment condition control unit 11 output this trace information to a system console 2 (step 513), and analysis of the cause of an overrun is performed by this.

[0045] Therefore, according to the logic verification environment control unit of this example, it has the environment condition control device 11, the random-number data generator 12, the random-number data setting device 13, and interrupt control equipment 14. By embedding random-number data to entry data, and initializing this entry data to memory 15, a cache 16, a register 17, TLB18, etc. of each RAM in an information processor 1 The data storage means in the information news processor 1 set as the object of logic verification can be set as an environment equal to an actual user program being performed, and the logic verification under a real operating environment is attained by this.

[0046] Moreover, since back trace becomes possible from the interruption generating address with an interruption generating instruction also when a logic verification program overruns recklessly, this trace information can perform easily failure analysis at the time of failure generating.

[0047] As mentioned above, although invention made by this invention person was concretely explained based on the example, it cannot be overemphasized that it can change variously in the range which this invention is not limited to said example and does not deviate from the summary.

[0048] For example, although the case where the object of the logic verification about the logic verification environment control unit of this example was an information processor 1 was explained, this invention is not limited to said example and can be applied widely also about the logic simulation equipment which carries out circuit simulation of gate level.

[0049] Moreover, you may make it generate an absolute-instruction code, operand address data, etc. which operate, for

example on a specific information processor as a random-number data generator 12.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the block diagram showing the logic verification environment control unit which is one example of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is the explanatory view showing processing of the random-number data generator in the logic verification environment control unit of this example and a random-number data setting device.

[Drawing 3] In this example, it is the flow chart Fig. showing cache data origination processing of a random-number data generator.

[Drawing 4] In this example, it is the flow chart Fig. showing data origination / setting processing of the hardware register of a random-number data generator and a random-number data setting device.

[Drawing 5] It is the flow chart Fig. showing the logic verification processing using the logic verification environment control unit of this example.

[Description of Notations]

- 1 Information Processor
- 2 System Console
- 3 Verification Program File
- 4 Model-Information File
- 5 Trace Information File
- 11 Environment Condition Control Unit
- 12 Random-Number Data Generator
- 13 Random-Number Data Setting Device
- 14 Interrupt Control Equipment
- 15 Memory
- 16 Cache
- 17 Register
- 18 TLB

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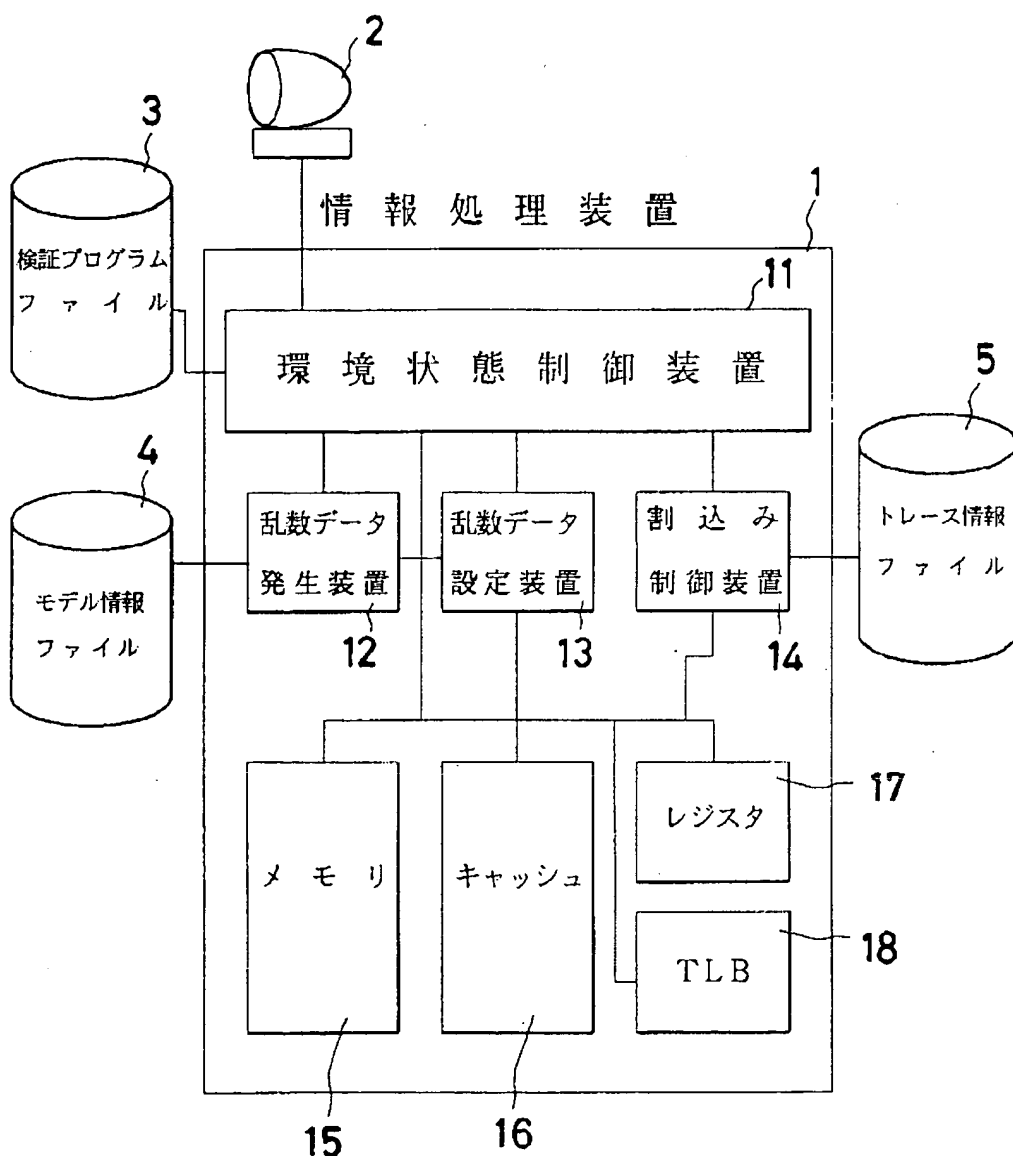
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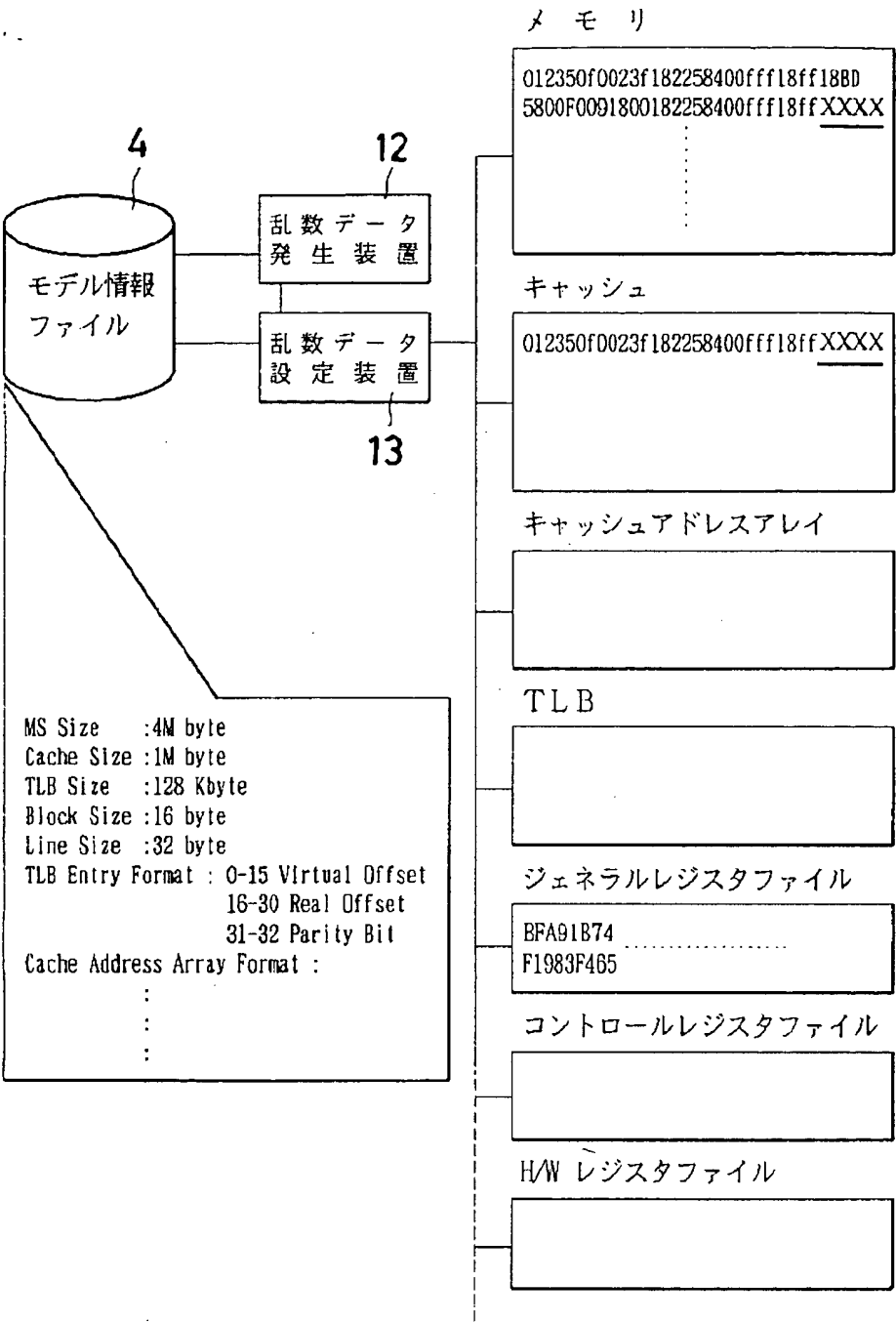
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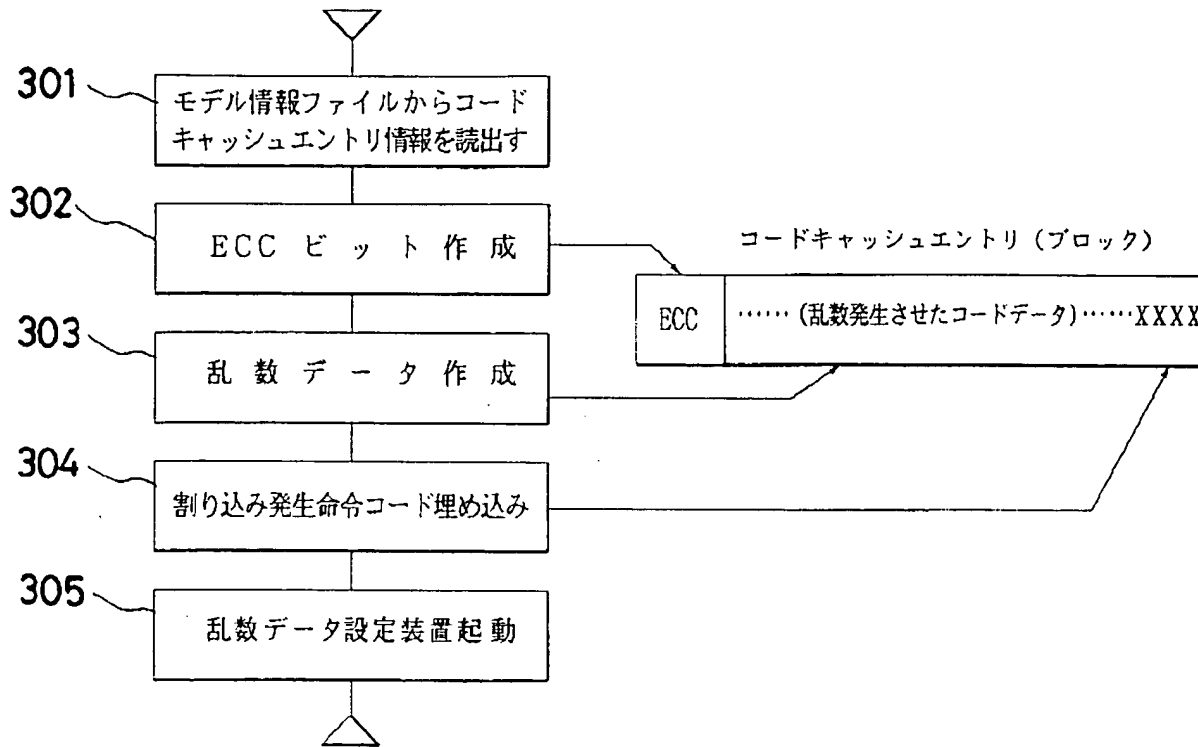
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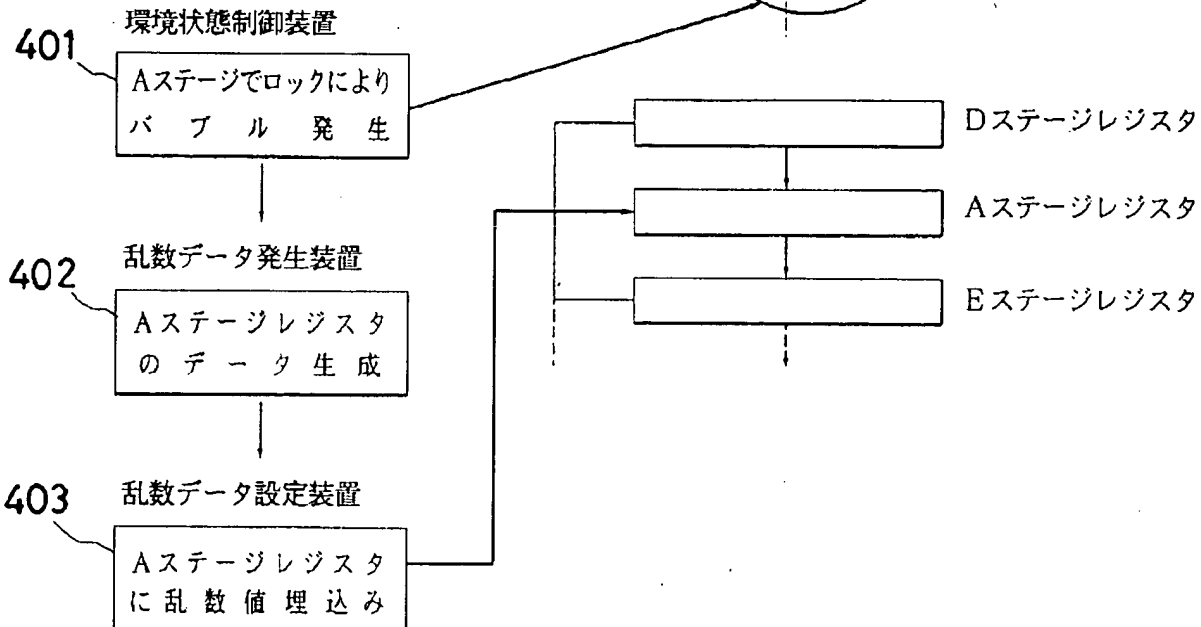
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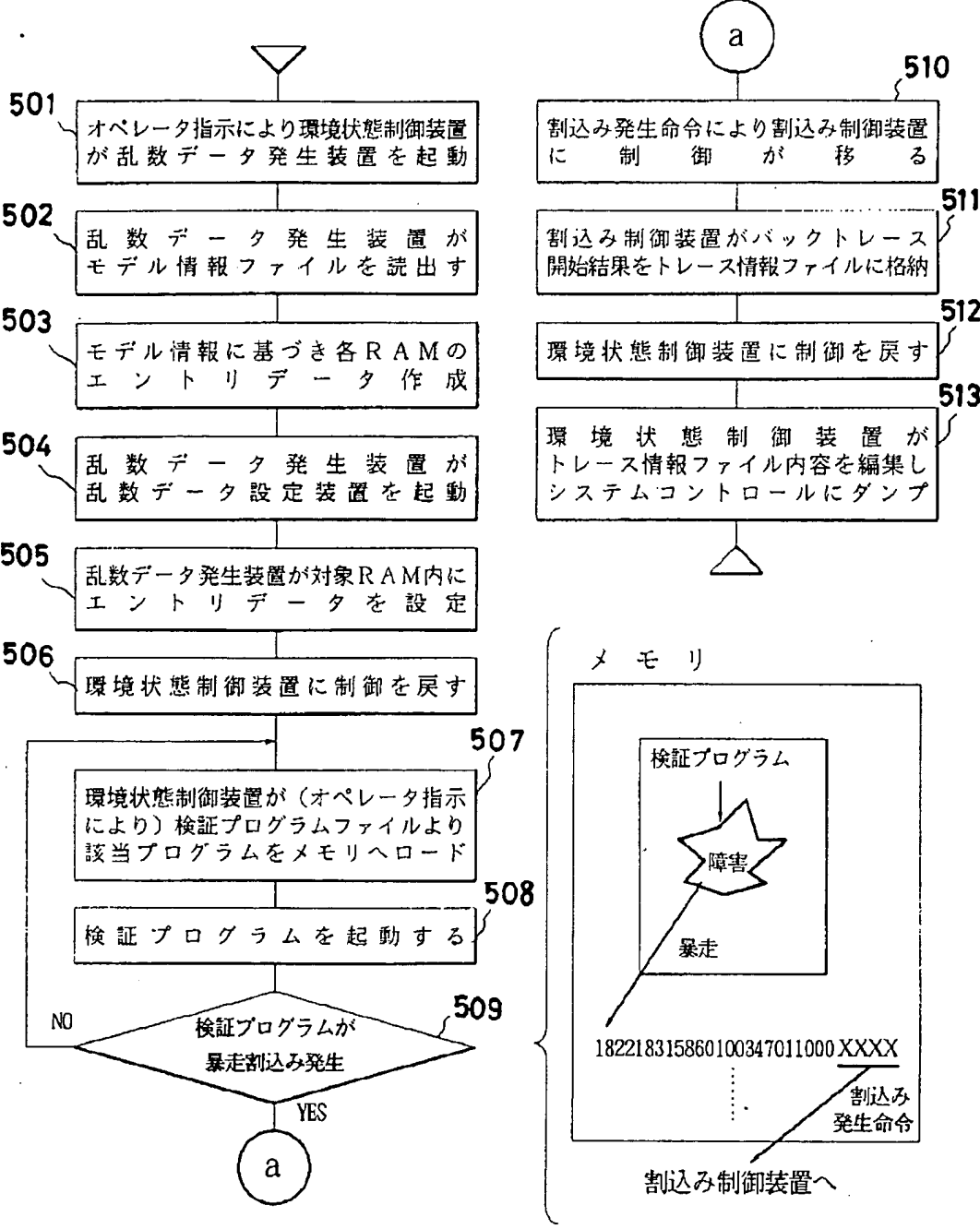
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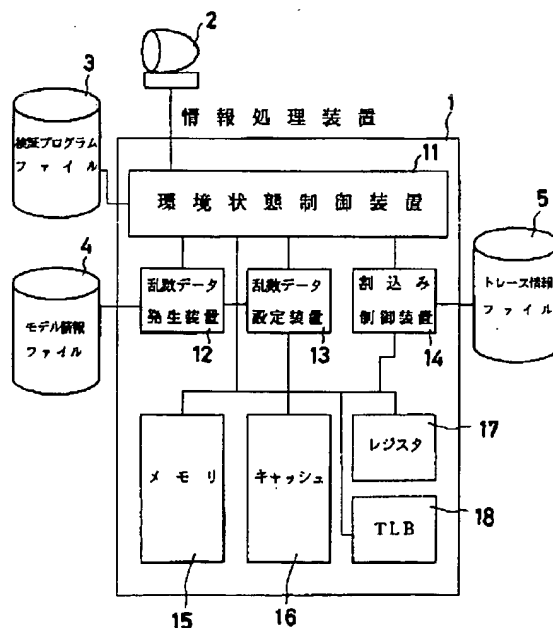
(54)【発明の名称】 論理検証環境制御装置

(57) 【要約】

【目的】 論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置に対する論理検証の際、実使用環境と等価な環境設定によって高精度な論理検証を実現すると共に、障害発生時の障害解析を容易に実現できる論理検証環境制御装置を提供する。

【構成】 論理検証の対象となる情報処理装置１、システムコンソール２、検証プログラムファイル３、モデル情報ファイル４、トレース情報ファイル５などから構成され、情報処理装置１には、環境状態制御装置１１、乱数データを埋め込んだエントリの乱数データ発生装置１２、エントリの乱数データ設定装置１３、プログラムの暴走時にバックトレースを実施する割込み制御装置１４、メモリ１５、キャッシュ１６、レジスタ１７およびＴＬＢ１８が備えられている。そして、論理検証プログラムの実行以前に情報処理装置１内資源が初期設定される。

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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 ゲートレベルの回路シミュレーションを実施する論理シミュレーション装置、または情報処理装置に対する論理検証環境制御装置であって、ランダムな乱数データを作成する乱数データ発生装置と、該乱数データを前記論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置内のデータ格納手段に設定する乱数データ設定装置と、前記論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置内で発生した割込みを制御する割込み制御装置と、オペレータインタフェース制御、前記論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置の制御、およびトレース情報の編集出力を実施する環境状態制御装置とを備え、論理検証プログラムの実行以前に、前記論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置内資源を実使用環境と等価な環境に設定することを特徴とする論理検証環境制御装置。

【請求項2】 前記データ格納手段のエントリデータを作成する際、該エントリデータを前記論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置の論理フォーマットに整合するように作成し、該エントリデータに前記乱数データを埋め込むことを特徴とする請求項1記載の論理検証環境制御装置。

【請求項3】 前記乱数データ発生装置が、特定の前記論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置上で動作する命令およびアドレスデータを発生することを特徴とする請求項1記載の論理検証環境制御装置。

【請求項4】 前記乱数データ発生装置が、前記データ格納手段に設定する乱数データを作成する際、数十から数百バイトビッチに割込み発生命令オペランドコードを発生することを特徴とする請求項1記載の論理検証環境制御装置。

【請求項5】 前記割込み処理装置が、割込み発生アドレスおよび割込み種別をチェックし、割込み発生アドレスからトレース可能な範囲でバックトレースを実施してトレース情報をセーブすることを特徴とする請求項1記載の論理検証環境制御装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は、論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置などを構成する論理回路の論理検証技術に関し、特に複雑で規模の大きな論理回路の高精度な検証に好適な論理検証環境制御装置に適用して有効な技術に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】たとえば、従来の論理検証方式では、情報処理装置がパワーオンリセット後の情報処理装置内メモリ、キャッシュ、レジスタ、TLB (Table Look-aside Buffer) などがイニシャライズ (ゼロクリア) された状態、またはそれと類似な状態から論理検証プログラムをメモリロード、または検証プログラムデータを該当するメモリ、キャッシュ、レジスタなどに設定し、実行

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することで実現されていた。

【0003】なお、関連するこの種の従来技術として、たとえば特開平3-250225号公報に記載される技術などが挙げられる。

【0004】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】ところが、前記のような従来技術において、実際の情報処理装置の使用環境では、オペレーティングシステムを始めとして、ユーザアプリケーションジョブも含めて複数のジョブが非同期に実行されており、このような状況下では、情報処理装置内メモリ、キャッシュ、レジスタ、TLBなどの内容は対象プログラムから見てランダムなデータが配されている。

【0005】この場合に、情報処理装置がパワーオンリセット後の状態、またはそれと類似な状態より、使用環境のように情報処理装置内資源にランダムなデータが配され、複数の条件が重なり合う状況下では、もし情報処理装置に論理不良が内在している場合に誤動作を起こして論理不良が発覚し易いことが知られている。

【0006】従って、従来技術の論理検証技術においては、実使用環境と等価な情報処理装置内環境での論理検証が実施されていないために、検証精度が低いという問題があった。

【0007】そこで、本発明の目的は、オペレーションシステム下で実際のユーザプログラムが実行されるのと等価な環境を構築し、この実使用環境と等価な環境下での論理検証を可能とすることによって高精度な論理検証を実現することができる論理検証環境制御装置を提供することにある。

【0008】また、本発明の他の目的は、障害発生時に、この障害発生割込みアドレスからのバックトレースを行い、このトレース情報によって障害解析を容易に実現することができる論理検証環境制御装置を提供することにある。

【0009】本発明の前記ならびにその他の目的と新規な特徴は、本明細書の記述および添付図面から明らかになるであろう。

【0010】

【課題を解決するための手段】本願において開示される発明のうち、代表的なものの概要を簡単に説明すれば、下記のとおりである。

【0011】すなわち、本発明の論理検証環境制御装置は、ゲートレベルの回路シミュレーションを実施する論理シミュレーション装置、または情報処理装置に対する論理検証環境制御装置であって、ランダムな乱数データを作成する乱数データ発生装置と、この乱数データを論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置内のデータ格納手段、たとえばメモリ、キャッシュ、TLB、レジスタなどに設定する乱数データ設定装置と、論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置内で発生した割込み

を制御する割込み制御装置と、オペレータインタフェース制御、論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置の制御、およびトレース情報の編集出力を実施する環境状態制御装置とを備えるものである。

【0012】この場合に、前記データ格納手段のエントリデータを作成する際、このエントリデータ、たとえばパリティビット、ハミングコード（ECC：Error Correcting Code）などを論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置の論理フォーマットに整合するように作成し、エントリデータに乱数データを埋め込むようにした10ものである。

【0013】また、前記乱数データ発生装置が、特定の論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置上で動作する命令およびアドレスデータ、たとえば機械語命令コード、オペランドアドレスデータなどを発生するようにしたものである。

【0014】さらに、前記乱数データ発生装置が、データ格納手段に設定する乱数データを作成する際、数十から数百バイトピッチに割込み発生命令オペランドコードを発生するようにしたものである。

【0015】また、前記割込み処理装置が、割込み発生アドレスおよび割込み種別をチェックし、割込み発生アドレスからトレース可能な範囲でバックトレースを実施してトレース情報をセーブするようにしたものである。

【0016】

【作用】前記した論理検証環境制御装置によれば、乱数データ発生装置、乱数データ設定装置、割込み制御装置および環境状態制御装置が備えられることにより、たとえばパリティビットおよびハミングコードなどのエントリデータを論理フォーマットに整合するように作成し、このエントリデータに乱数データ発生装置による乱数データを埋め込み、このエントリデータを乱数データ設定装置によりデータ格納手段に設定し、論理検証プログラムの実行以前に、論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置内資源を実使用環境と等価な環境に設定することができる。

【0017】また、特定の機械語命令コードおよびオペランドアドレスデータなどの発生により、特定の論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置上でのみ動作させることができる。

【0018】さらに、数十から数百バイトピッチに割込み発生命令オペランドコードが発生され、割込み発生アドレスおよび割込み種別がチェックされることにより、割込み発生アドレスからトレース可能な範囲でバックトレースを実施し、このトレース情報をセーブすることができる。

【0019】これにより、オペレーションシステム下で実際のユーザプログラムが実行されるのと等価な装置環境を構築し、この環境下での論理検証を可能とすることによって高精度な論理検証を実現すると共に、障害発生

時に障害解析を容易に実現することができる。

【0020】

【実施例】図1は本発明の一実施例である論理検証環境制御装置を示すブロック図、図2は本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置における乱数データ発生装置および乱数データ設定装置の処理を示す説明図、図3は本実施例において、乱数データ発生装置のキャッシュデータ作成処理を示すフローチャート図、図4は乱数データ発生装置および乱数データ設定装置のハードウェアレジスタのデータ作成/設定処理を示すフローチャート図、図5は本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置を用いた論理検証処理を示すフローチャート図である。

【0021】まず、図1により本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置の構成を説明する。

【0022】本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置は、たとえば情報処理装置に対する論理検証環境制御装置とされ、対象となる情報処理装置1、システムコンソール2、実行形式の論理検証プログラムが格納されている検証プログラムファイル3、各RAMのサイズおよびエントリなどが格納されているモデル情報ファイル4、バックトレース情報を格納するためのトレース情報ファイル5などから構成されている。

【0023】対象となる情報処理装置1には、オペレータインタフェース制御、各装置の制御およびトレース情報の編集出力処理を実施する環境状態制御装置11、情報処理装置の対象RAMに乱数データを埋め込み、エントリを作成する乱数データ発生装置12、作成されたエントリを対象RAMに設定する乱数データ設定装置13、設定された環境下で実行された論理検証プログラムが論理不良により暴走し、割込み発生命令で割込みが発生した場合、その回復処理およびバックトレースを実施する割込み制御装置14、データ格納手段の対象RAMとしてのメモリ15、キャッシュ16、レジスタ17およびTLB18などが備えられている。

【0024】次に、本実施例の作用について説明する。

【0025】始めに、図2により乱数データ発生装置12および乱数データ設定装置13の処理を説明する。

【0026】乱数データ発生装置12は、環境状態制御装置11から起動されると、まずモデル情報ファイル4から情報処理装置1内の各RAMのメモリ15、キャッシュ16、レジスタ17、TLB18などのサイズ、エントリのフォーマット、ブロック/ラインサイズなどを読み出し、その指示に従って各RAMのエントリデータを生成する。

【0027】この際、TLB18、キャッシュアドレスアレイなどのパリティビットやハミングコード（ECC）などを有するエントリデータの生成時は、情報処理装置1の論理フォーマットに合ったデータをモデル情報ファイル4の指示に従い所定のビット位置に生成する。

【0028】また、メモリ15、キャッシュ16のデー

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タは指定されたブロック／ラインサイズ単位に乱数データを生成する。この場合、各ブロック／ラインの最後の数バイトに、割込み制御装置14に制御を移すための割込みを発生させる専用の割込み命令の機械語コードを埋め込む。そして、エントリデータを生成後、乱数データ発生装置12は乱数データ設定装置13へ制御を移す。

【0029】さらに、乱数データ設定装置13は、乱数データ発生装置12で生成されたエントリデータを所定のRAMに、モデル情報ファイル4に登録されているサイズ(エントリ数)分のエントリデータを設定する。

【0030】次に、図3のフローにより乱数データ発生装置12のコードキャッシュデータの作成処理を説明する。

【0031】乱数データ発生装置12は、まずモデル情報ファイル4からコードキャッシュエントリ情報を読み出し(ステップ301)、このエントリ情報に従ってハミングコード(ECC)部分を作成し(ステップ302)、次に実際のコードデータを乱数発生させて乱数データを作成する(ステップ303)。

【0032】さらに、コードキャッシュエントリのブロックの最後に割込み発生命令コードを埋め込み(ステップ304)、そして乱数データ設定装置13を起動する(ステップ305)。

【0033】次に、図4のフローによりハードウェア(H/W)レジスタのデータ作成／設定処理を説明する。

【0034】もし、情報処理装置1の先行制御処理に待ちが生じた場合、つまりLD(メモリからレジスタへのデータ転送)命令により確定するレジスタの内容を、次のMVC(メモリからメモリへのデータ転送)命令が、メモリアドレスとして使用している場合、このLD命令の処理が終了するまでMVC命令のアドレス計算処理ができないために処理に待ちが生じてレジスタが一旦空き状態となる。

【0035】このような状態が発生した場合、環境状態制御装置11がたとえばAステージレジスタでロックによりバブルが発生したことを感知し(ステップ401)、乱数データ発生装置12に対してデータの生成指示を出す。

【0036】さらに、乱数データ発生装置12は、Aステージレジスタのデータを作成し(ステップ402)、乱数データ設定装置13に対してデータの設定指示を出す。

【0037】そして、乱数データ設定装置13は、Aステージレジスタに生成された乱数値によるデータを埋め込む(ステップ403)。

【0038】次に、図5により本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置を用いた論理検証の処理フローを説明する。

【0039】まず、オペレータの指示により、環境状態制御装置11が乱数データ発生装置12を起動する(ス

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テップ501)。そして、乱数データ発生装置12は、モデル情報ファイル4から各RAMのエントリデータの生成情報を読み出し(ステップ502)、このモデル情報に従って各RAMのエントリデータを作成する(ステップ503)。

【0040】さらに、乱数データ発生装置12が乱数データ設定装置13を起動し(ステップ504)、乱数データ設定装置13がモデル情報ファイル4に登録されている各RAMのサイズに従って、作成されたエントリデータを各RAMに初期設定する(ステップ505)。

【0041】そして、初期設定終了後、環境状態制御装置11に制御を戻し(ステップ506)、この環境状態制御装置11がオペレータの指示により該当する論理検証プログラムをメモリ15にロードし(ステップ507)、この論理検証プログラムを起動する(ステップ508)。

【0042】さらに、論理検証プログラムの実行が正常に終了すれば、環境状態制御装置11がオペレータに対して次の処理要求をする処理を繰り返す。

【0043】もし、論理検証プログラムが暴走した場合(ステップ509)、割込み発生命令によって制御が割込み制御装置14に移り(ステップ510)、バックトレース可能なアドレスまで遡ってトレース情報を収集してトレース情報ファイル5に登録する(ステップ511)。

【0044】そして、環境状態制御装置11に制御が戻り(ステップ512)、環境状態制御装置11がトレース情報を編集し、このトレース情報をシステムコンソール2に出力し(ステップ513)、これによって暴走原因の解析が行われる。

【0045】従って、本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置によれば、環境状態制御装置11、乱数データ発生装置12、乱数データ設定装置13および割込み制御装置14が備えられ、エントリデータに乱数データを埋め込み、このエントリデータを情報処理装置1内の各RAMのメモリ15、キャッシュ16、レジスタ17およびTLB18などに初期設定することにより、論理検証の対象となる情報処理装置1内のデータ格納手段を、実際のユーザプログラムが実行されるのと等しい環境に設定することができ、これによって実使用環境下での論理検証が可能となる。

【0046】また、論理検証プログラムが暴走した場合にも、割込み発生命令によって割込み発生アドレスからバックトレースが可能となるので、このトレース情報によって障害発生時の障害解析を容易に行うことができる。

【0047】以上、本発明者によってなされた発明を実施例に基づき具体的に説明したが、本発明は前記実施例に限定されるものではなく、その要旨を逸脱しない範囲で種々変更可能であることはいうまでもない。

【0048】たとえば、本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置については、論理検証の対象が情報処理装置1である場合について説明したが、本発明は前記実施例に限定されるものではなく、ゲートレベルの回路シミュレーションを実施する論理シミュレーション装置などについても広く適用可能である。

【0049】また、乱数データ発生装置12としては、たとえば特定の情報処理装置上で動作するような機械語命令コードおよびオペランドアドレスデータなどを発生するようにしてもよい。

【0050】

【発明の効果】本願において開示される発明のうち、代表的なものによって得られる効果を簡単に説明すれば、下記のとおりである。

【0051】(1).乱数データ発生装置、乱数データ設定装置、割込み制御装置および環境状態制御装置を備えることにより、エントリデータを論理フォーマットに整合するように作成し、このエントリデータに乱数データを埋め込んでデータ格納手段に設定することができるので、論理検証プログラムの実行以前に、論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置内資源を実使用環境と等価な環境に構築することができる。

【0052】(2).乱数データ発生装置が特定の命令およびアドレスデータを発生することにより、特定の論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置上でのみ動作させることができる。

【0053】(3).乱数データ発生装置が数十から数百バイトピッチに割込み発生命令オペランドコードを発生し、この割込み発生命令オペランドコードの割込み発生アドレスから割込み処理装置がバックトレースを実施してトレース情報をセーブすることができるので、障害が発生した場合の障害解析を容易に行うことができる。

【0054】(4).前記(1)～(3)により、論理検証対象

となる論理シミュレーション装置または情報処理装置に対して、実使用環境下での論理検証を可能とすることによって高精度な論理検証を実現すると共に、障害発生時の障害解析が容易に可能とされる論理検証環境制御装置を得ることができる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明の一実施例である論理検証環境制御装置を示すブロック図である。

【図2】本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置における乱数データ発生装置および乱数データ設定装置の処理を示す説明図である。

【図3】本実施例において、乱数データ発生装置のキャッシュデータ作成処理を示すフローチャート図である。

【図4】本実施例において、乱数データ発生装置および乱数データ設定装置のハードウェアレジスタのデータ作成/設定処理を示すフローチャート図である。

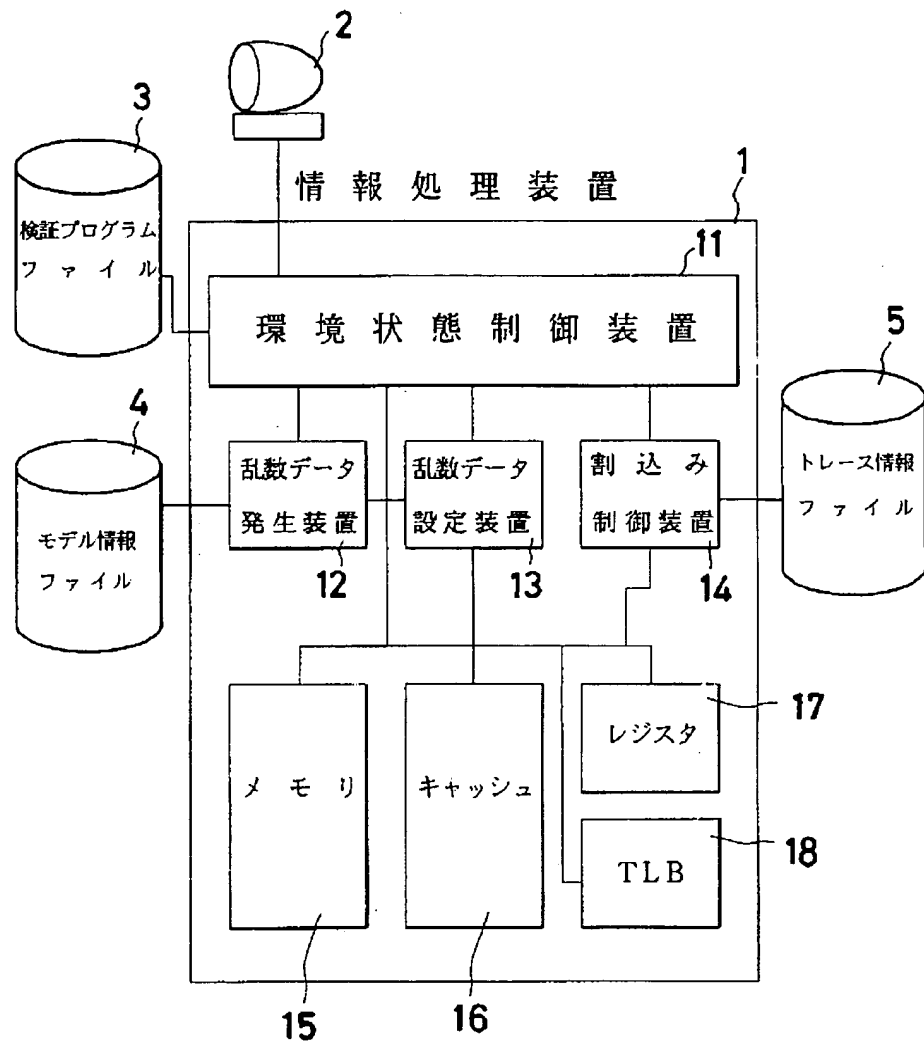
【図5】本実施例の論理検証環境制御装置を用いた論理検証処理を示すフローチャート図である。

【符号の説明】

- 1 情報処理装置
- 2 システムコンソール
- 3 検証プログラムファイル
- 4 モデル情報ファイル
- 5 トレース情報ファイル
- 11 環境状態制御装置
- 12 乱数データ発生装置
- 13 乱数データ設定装置
- 14 割込み制御装置
- 15 メモリ
- 16 キャッシュ
- 17 レジスタ
- 18 TLB

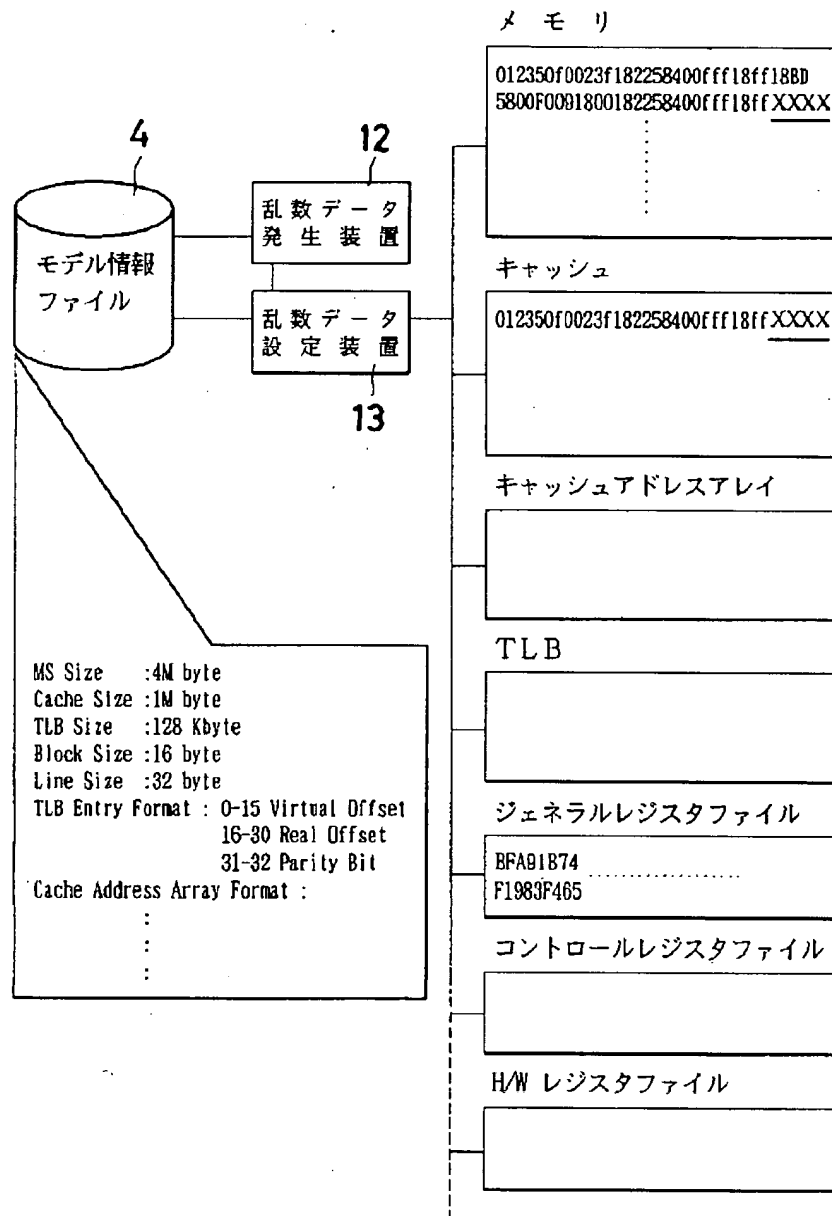
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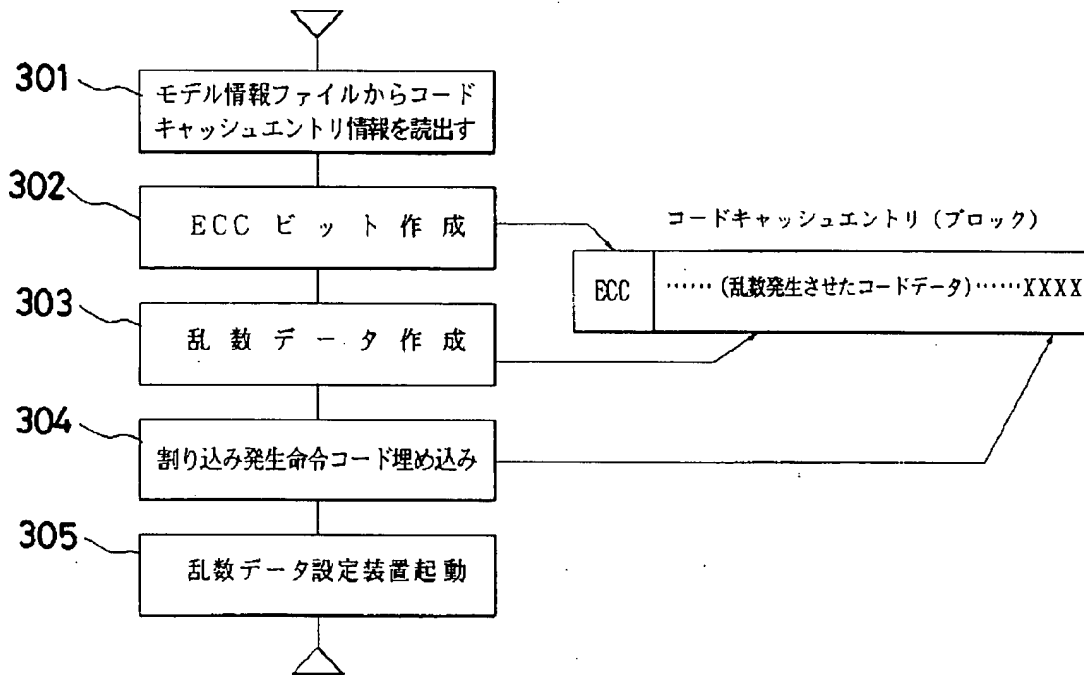
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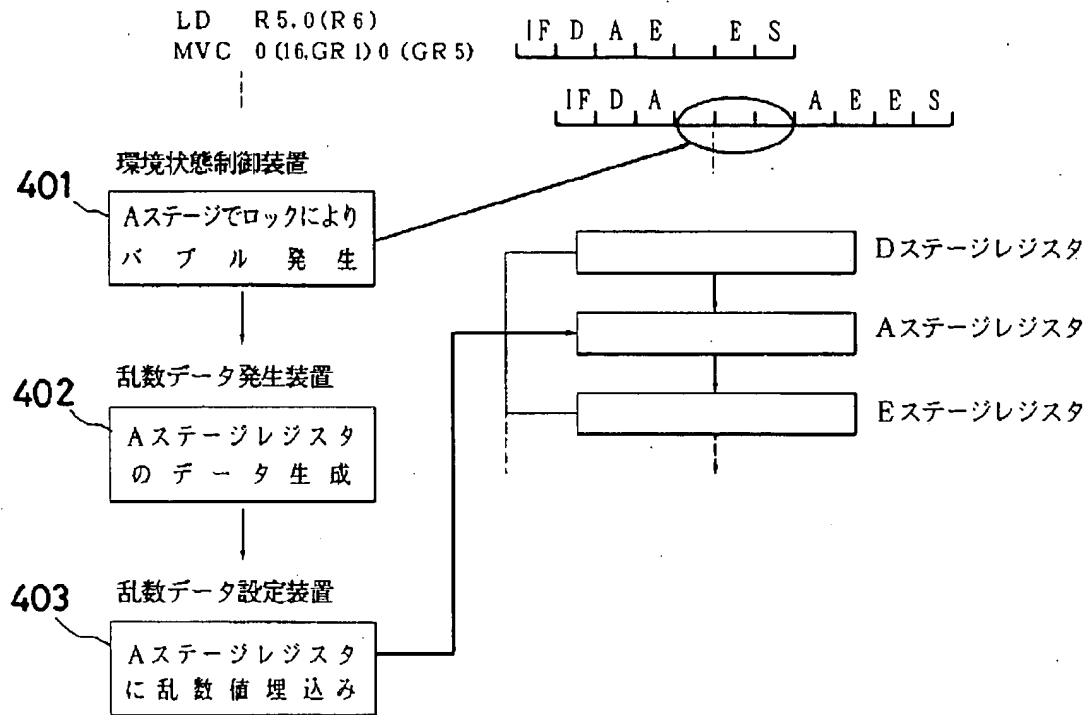
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